


MINUTES

—OF THE—

28TH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

TIPPAH

Baptist  Association,

—HELD WITH—

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH,

Tippah County, Mississippi.

SEPT. 4-6, 1890.

NEXT SESSION.

Next Session will be held with Oaklimer Church, one mile South of Hickory Flat, on the K. C. M. & B. R. R., Thursday before 1st Sunday in September 1890.

OFFICERS:

ELD. W. G. THOMPSON.....MODERATOR.

J. W. CRUMP,.....CLERK.

J. S. GILLENLINE,.....TREASURER.



Executive Board.

ELD. W. E. BERRY, Chairman.

W. H. M. DURHAM,

J. S. GILBERTINE,

J. F. BAY.

H. H. RAY,

J. A. NORRIS,

J. F. GUYTON,

Minutes.

Fellowship Church, Sept. 4th, 1890.

The Association was called to order by singing "How Firm a Foundation." The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder M Gillian, text 15th chapter 14th verse John. Adjourned for refreshments to 2 o'clock p m.

Evening Session, 2 o'clock p m.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, being called together by singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Mod. read 1st chapter 1st Peter; prayer by the Moderator.

CALLED FOR LETTERS.

Appointed Eld W E Berry and Brother J A Norriss reading clerks. Letters were then read and delegates seated from the following churches, to-wit: Academy, Ashland, Bethlehem, Beulah, Blue Mountain, Canaan, Central, Chewalla Clear Creek, Curtis Creek, Falkner, Fellowship, Flat Rock, Harmony, Hickory Flat, Hopewell, Lebanon, Mt Moriah, New Hope, New Macedonia, New Prospect, Oaklimer, Pleasant Hill (B) Providence, Ripley, Shady Grove (T.) Union, Unity.

Proceeded to permanent organization by electing Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

Eld. E Z Simmons and J W Vest were appointed tellers.

Election resulted as follows: Eld W G Thompson was elected Moderator, J W Crump Clerk, J S Gilentine Treasurer.

Petitionary letter read from Falkner. Said church was received into fellowship in this body.

Appointed the following committees on

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—Eld J E Rogers H H Ray, together with pastor and deacons of Fellowship church.

PUBLICATIONS—Elds J R Farish M Gillian, and M C Selph.

EDUCATION—H H Ray, A L Collins, M W Darden.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Eld J E Rogers, J A Norriss L M Colter.

STATE MISSIONS—Elds W E Berry, J T Cox, Bro W R Gurne-

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TEMPERANCE—Eld M Gillian, Brethren E T Doyle S H Childers.

FINANCE—Eld J T Cox Brethren J M Chism, W F Holliday.

HOME MISSIONS—Elds F D Baars, D C West, and Bro J M Chism.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Eld W T Lowrey, Brethren J F Ray, W F Covington.

Called for and heard the reading of the Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Order.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Received Eld E Z Simmons from Foreign Mission Board; Eld J B Gambrell from State Mission Board; Eld J W West from Unity Ass'n. Adjourned to 8:30 to-morrow morning; prayer by Eld J B Gambrell.

Second Day—Friday Sept. 5th, 1890, Morning Session.

The Ass'n met pursuant to adjournment, Mod in the chair. The Ass'n was called together by singing "Work for the Night is Coming." Mod read 12th chapter Rom prayer by Bro A Anderson.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Called for petitionary letters.

Appointed the following correspondents: To Big Hatchie, meets at — on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, Elds M Gillian, W T Lowrey. Tishomingo meets at Hinkle's Creek, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in Oct., Eld W E Berry, W G Thompson, and Brethren J F Ray, H H Ray, M C Selph. D B Bobo. Cold Water meets at Arkabutler on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct., Elds D C West, W T Lowrey, J R Farish, Bro W F Covington. Chickasaw meets at Midway on Tuesday before 3rd Sunday in Sept. Eld J R Farish, W E Berry, W M Gadd. Judson meets at Bethel on Friday before 2nd Sunday in Sept., Eld J R Farish. Oxford meets on Thursday before 2nd Sunday in Sept. at Pilgrim's Rest, B G Lowrey. Southern Baptist Convention meets at Birmingham, Ala., Thursday before 2nd Sunday in May, Eld W E Berry. Yalobusha-Oxford, meets at Providence on Friday before 2nd Sunday in Oct. Elds J R Farish, H L Finley, W T Lowrey. State Convention meets at Natchez on Thursday before 4th Sunday in July, Elds W T Lowrey, J R Farish, F D Baars, Bro W H M Durham. Ripley (col.) meets at — on Fri. before 4th Sunday in Aug. Eld W G Thompson, Bro J W Crump.

It was decided that any member of this body visiting any other body with which we correspond shall be recognized as a messenger to said body when present with them.

Called for reports. Report on Foreign Missions was read by Eld E Z Simmons; discussed by himself, Eld W E Berry, J B Gambrell.

Pending this discussion, took a recess of five minutes after

which there was preaching by Eld J B Gambrell, from 3rd chapt 13th verse of Phil. Adjourned to 2 o'clock p m.

Evening Session, 2 p m.

The Ass'n was called together by singing "Sweetly, Lord, Have We Heard Thee Calling," prayer by Eld F D Baars.

Resumed the discussion of the Report on Foreign Missions by Elds E Z Simmons, J E Rogers, J B Gambrell and adopted.

REPORTS.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This work has less of a selfish nature, to appeal to us than any other form of benevolence that we have to do with. And, it is a good sign of an earnest christian life to see a person a liberal supporter of Foreign Missions. The scripturalness and importance of this work is beyond question. For Jesus said, "Go ye into all the word and preach the Gospel to every creature." The larger part of the world is without a preached gospel. The work of our board is in a very hopeful and encouraging condition. Much preaching and preparatory work is being done, and on some of our fields an abundant harvest is being gathered in.

MEXICO.

The work there is inviting us to greater efforts because of our success, and because of the work to be done.

BRAZIL—Calls for special efforts and reinforcements just now. The old monarchical form of government has recently given place to a Republican form of government. Religious liberty has been granted; burying places have been secularized; marriage has become a civil institution. In many things and in many ways the power of the Catholics has been broken or diminished. This field calls for immediate reinforcements.

ITALY—Our work there is making steady progress in numbers and self-support. Our members are doing much of the work of evangelization. This is the hope of all our work.

CHINA—In China the prospect opens up in the most inviting way. This ancient nation lies within the belt of the world's greatest civilizations, and her touch with western nations is destined to work changes on a great scale in the near future. Her statesmen to-day are shaping a policy that looks to the recovery of her lost possessions among the isles of the sea. It is the avowed purpose of China to regain the commercial ascendancy of the East.

AFRICA—In Africa one of the greatest spiritual conflicts the world has ever seen has already begun. Mohammedanism now dominates all of North Africa, and it is safe to say holds in its hands the religious destiny of one-third of the entire continent.

JAPAN—In Japan, during the past thirty years, history has been made with marvelous rapidity. If our people will study the course of events there and note the trend of public opinion and the wonderful progress of Christianity, and especially the dangers that beset missionary advance there, they will become inspired with the greatness of the opportunity and enable our Board to reinforce our little band of workers there.

During the past hundred years there have been several clearly defined stages in the progress of Missions. In the days of Carey and other pioneers,

it was a debated question whether or not missions to the heathen were to be undertaken by the churches. It was an age of doubt and dispute. Those who went before into heathen darkness to cut the trail which has since broadened into a great highway of missions, went lonely and without the sympathy of a large bulk of the churches at home. Preachers and politicians denounced the whole scheme and the madmen who were promoting it. But discussion cleared the atmosphere; the conscience of the churches became aroused; and the conviction fastened itself in the minds of Christ's people that missions were the great work of the churches. Then followed the era of closed doors. Here and there entrance was effected into heathen lands, but the great world was living a hermit life and said to the heralds of the cross: "You must not pass our borders."

But in our own generation we have reached the era of opportunity. The world to-day is a neighborhood. Armies of men and women stand ready to go and enter the open doors of the nations. Wealthy by the million slumbers in the coffers of Christian men and women—are yet the churches of Jesus Christ, acknowledging the obligation to evangelize the world, knowing the opportunity, fully aware that the hour for grasping the prize of this earth for Christ is upon them, stand contemplating the whitened fields, and holding their purse strings with tightened grasp. This does not overlook the great work accomplished, or the enlarging work of our own Board and the bright outlook. But we would impress the fact that the cause of missions to-day rests rather upon the intellect than upon the hearts of Christ's people. But there is only one era left. The age of doubt and debate, followed by the age of conviction, and that by the age of opportunity we may hope will be followed by the age of practical consecration. May we see the day when the Baptists of the South will not only see as Christ sees, and know as Christ would have them know, but love as Christ loves.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Our Board needs \$150,000 to carry on its work for the year. Miss. gave over \$6,000 last year. We are asked for \$9,000 this year. We recommend that the churches of this Ass'n give at least \$500 of this amount. We also recommend to our members to take the Foreign Mission Journal, which is published in pamphlet form. Single subscription 50c; 10 to 25 copies 30c; 25 copies and above 25c. No earnest Christian and lover of Missions should be without the Journal. We also recommend that every church send to Geo., Whitfield, Clinton, Miss., for a supply of missionary tracts for free distribution among the members. You can get these free by sending him a card.

Respectfully submitted,

J F RAY,

W F COVINGTON, } Com.

The Ass'n then joined in singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," then united with Eld W. E. Berry in special prayer for our foreign missionaries.

A petitionary letter was then read from New Macedonia which was received as a member of this body and delegates seated.

The report of the Ex Board was read by Eld W. E. Berry, spoken to by himself, Eld J. B. Gambrell and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We come before you again with our annual report. While we rejoice that we have not fallen behind former years in the aggregate of the contributions raised, we regret to report that the work has not been as general as it should have been, nor have we come up to the

measure of our duty in the support of some departments of our work. A few churches and individuals have done well, but many have done nothing. The abatement of interest and the falling off of contributions in some departments of our work may be attributed to several causes. Your board in the first place employed no missionary for the destitution in our own bounds. No funds were pledged at our last meeting for this purpose, nor was the man for the field available. We were unable to get a full meeting of the board, a few of us consulted and determined that it was not well to put an inexperienced man in the field. We had last year aided a few of the weaker churches. A subscription had been made which enabled us to pay off all indebtedness of the board. We had hoped this year to do more. We believe great good may be done by supplementing the salaries of a few pastors of such churches as need help. Again, the crop failure last year in our bounds, in a measure paralyzed the energies of our people. They were despondent. Some were not able to do what they desired, while others as I had no desire to do what they were able. Another cause of the falling off of the contributions, may be traced to the neglect of pastors to look at this department of Christian work and development. It seems impossible for the members of the board to visit the churches in interest of the work fostered by your body. Perhaps something could have been accomplished with a few churches had this been done. But we left it for the pastors to do, and to the pastors we still look. We have thought it best to supplement the salaries of brethren M. Gillian and E. J. Eulanks. These brethren have done faithful work in their respective fields, and reports from their churches are very encouraging. We still co-operate with the convention board of the state, and respectfully ask when funds are sent directly to any of the boards that the chairman of your Ex. Board be informed of the amount sent, so that we may know what the Ass'n is doing. There is need of greater co-operation among our pastors. To secure this, we recommend the establishment of Fifth Sunday Meetings. If this is done we earnestly entreat those who are appointed to attend the meetings, for the sake of the Master's cause. Our churches need to be convinced of their duty, not only towards the mission work, but in the support of their pastors. Brethren, your board knows not what course to pursue. Shall we put a missionary in the field, or shall we supplement the salaries of some of the pastors of the feeble churches or turn our funds for state missions entirely over to the board of the State Convention. Brethren the demands upon us are great. Every department of our work is calling upon us for assistance. From these calls we must not turn heedlessly away. We refer you to the reports on Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Education. Let us gather inspiration from the success that has attended us in years gone by, and from the advancement that is being made all along the line, and especially from the presence of our Great Commander who is leading us on to victory.

The Executive Board were created a committee to make arrangements for fifth Sunday meetings in the bounds of this Association; the programme to be printed in the minutes of this body.

PROGRAMME OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS.

1ST. MEETING:—At Union church Saturday before 5th Sunday in Nov. 1890. Sermon Saturday 11 o'clock a. m., F. D. BARR. 1st. Reflex influence of Mission; E. D. W. T. Lowry and Bro. W. H. M. Durham.

2ND. MEETING:—At Riplev church Saturday before 5th Sunday in March 1891. Sermon Saturday 11 a. m., by Eld. G. W.

Potter. 1st. How can churches support their pastors? J F Guyton, H H Ray. 2nd. Why should churches support pastors? Eld W E Berry, B. O J A Norris. Sermon Sunday 11 a. m.

3RD. MEETING:—At Shady Grove church Saturday before 5th Sunday in May 1891. Sermon Saturday 11 a m Rev J R Farish. 1st. Women's Work? Elds J E Rogers, F D Baars. 2nd. Children's Societies? J F Ray, B G Lowrey. Sermon Sunday 11 a m.

The Report on Education was made special for 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Received as messenger from the West Judson Association the following: Eld B F Whitten, Brethren I P Randolph, P C Randolph. Adjourned to 8:30 o'clock tomorrow a m. Prayer by Eld W f Lowrey.

3rd Day, Saturday, Sept. 6, 1890, 8:30 a m.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, Mod. in the chair, and was called together by singing "Home sweet Home."

The Mod. read 2nd. chapt. Tim., after which joined Eld M Gillian in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Eld Berry Smith was recognized as a messenger from West Judson Ass'n.

The Report on Home Missions was called for, and read by Eld F D Baars, spoken to by himself, Elds J T Cox, J B Gambrel and adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is an organ of the Southern Baptist Convention, and seeks to supply the destitution in the Southern States and Cuba. This Board depends upon these states for the means to carry on its work, the states depend upon their Associations, and the Associations depend upon the churches.

The Board employed during last year 371 missionaries who reported 4,477 baptisms, and received by letter 3,621; organized 336 Sunday schools, with 12,420 scholars; and organized 276 churches.

This Board asks Miss. Baptists to give \$3,000 to this work during this year. Our own state supplies its destitution, but some of our sister states are sadly in need of our help to give the gospel to many thousands of their people. These people are our neighbors. Shall we not help them?

The work in Cuba demands our earnest attention, our help and our prayers. Much has been accomplished there, but much remains to be done.

Another work much wanted is work among the Negroes. They are here among us, and are here to stay. It is our duty to give them the Gospel.

In Ga., Tex., Ark., and Fla., work is much needed. These are our own people in our own Southern country. Let us not forget them, but send them our help, and ask God's blessing upon this great work.

F D BAARS. } Com.
J M CHISM. }

The Report on Education, which was made special for this hour, was read by H H Ray, and after discussion by himself, Elds W E Berry, J B Gambrel, was adopted.

EDUCATION.

Education, in its true sense, is a drawing out, or development of the faculties. It is elevating in its tendencies; improving both the mind and the heart. It prepares, not only for greater usefulness, but for greater enjoyments. It is also obligatory. No one has a moral right to dwarf the intellect, bury his talent, or fail to improve the opportunities given him by an all wise Creator. While all do not appreciate these facts, we are glad that many do, and are evidencing it by an increased effort in building up in different neighborhoods institutions of learning for the promotion of higher education, for physical, mental and moral trainings.

We would recommend Sunday Schools as a potent factor in moral and religious education. For general, and special education in fitting our young men for the duties of life, we would recommend Mississippi College, which we are glad to say is now attracting the attention, and receiving the substantial support of the Baptists of Miss. Blue Mountain Female College is deservedly popular, and eminently fitted for the training of girls and young ladies, and is a power for good, and should have the hearty support of all. As a preparatory step, and as auxiliaries to the institutions mentioned, as well as for direct and immediate benefit, we would respectfully reiterate the suggestion made one year ago, by your committee on education, but URGE the establishments of high schools or academies in every neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,
H H RAY, Chairman Com.

Prayer by Eld H L Finley. Preaching by Eld W T Lowrey.
Text: 6 chapt, part 7 verse Gal., "Be not deceived." Adjourned to 2 o'clock p m.

Evening Session 2 o'clock p m.

The Ass'n was called together by singing "How firm a foundation." Prayer by W R Gurney.

The Report on Sunday Schools was then called for. It was read by Eld J E Rogers, and after discussion by himself, Eld F D Baars was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, would submit the following.

We, as a denomination, believe the time has fully come, when a Sunday School for each church has become an ABSOLUTE NECESSITY for the efficient church, and christian prosperity. No Baptist church in the present improved age is complete without a good working Sunday School. The demand of the churches is an educated young manhood and womanhood.

And no man or woman is educated who is not educated in heart as well as in the head. Home, and the Sunday School, are the places to prepare the youth for the Master's use. We regard the Baptist Teacher, the quarterly, the Intermediate, and Primary, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, the best Sunday School literature that is published, and as cheap as any other.

Respectfully submitted,
J E Rogers, Ch'm Com.

The Report on Publications was read by Eld J R Farish, discussed by himself. Elds J B Gambrel, E Z Simmons, W T Lowrey and adopted.

PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on Publications would urge the importance of sound literature. Our country is flooded with corrupt literature, demoralizing our children. This is one of the most powerful influences of the Enemy of Souls. Parents, especially, should be interested in this matter. We should see that our children should have the right kind of literature. We should determine this for our selves and for our posterity in a large measure. What will we do? This is a serious question for us. Will we do it or will we neglect it.

As periodicals, we recommend the Baptist Record, as our state paper; and the Foreign Mission Journal; the Home Field; and for our Sunday Schools, the American Baptist Publication Society's literature; and Kind Words.

Respectfully submitted,

M C Selph, }
J R Farish, } Com.
M Gillian, }

The Report on Temperance was read by Eld M Gillian. Spoken to by Elds J B Gambrel, J E Rogers and adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

There is much embraced in the word Intemperance. The injunction of Divine Truth is, "Be ye temperate in all things." While great evil arises from the intemperate use of any thing, there is no evil greater than that of intoxicating drinks as a beverage. It debauches the body, destroys the mind, brings shame and disgrace upon a family. There has been much done and said to arrest this monster evil; but, brethren, it still lurks more or less in every community. In the humble opinion of your committee, the great remedy lies with God's children, by obeying his Godly admonition to abstain from that which is evil. We, therefore, urge that Christians every where come to the front against this high crime, which is offensive to God and detrimental to his cause.

Respectfully submitted,

ELD M GILLIAN, }
E T DOYLE, } Com.
S H CHILDERS, }

The Report on State Mission was read by Eld W E Berry, and after being discussed by him was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee beg to report that our Mission work in the state is in a hopeful condition. Notwithstanding the short crops in this part of the state and the floods in the Valley, contributions were secured by the untiring ener-

gies of our Secretary, to do a great work and to pay off all the missionaries. Of these, there were 55 employed last year, who did 4,702 actual days of service; traveled 43,583 miles; preached 2,705 sermons; baptized 558 persons; organized 7 churches, and 85 Sunday Schools. Much other work was done by the servants of the Board which we cannot here record.

There are many destitute places in our state, that need to be supplied. New towns have sprung up along the lines of R. R. penetrating the state; these ought to be supplied by strong men as soon as possible. The rich Mississippi Valley is a great field for us, and it calls for good and faithful men. We most heartily recommend a contribution for the pleasant co-operation with the Convention Board in its great work in our state.

Respectfully submitted,
ELD W E BERRY Ch'm, Com.

Elected the following Executive Board for the ensuing year:
Eld W E Berry, chairman, W H M Durham, H H Ray J F Ray,
J F Guyton, J S Gillentine, J A Norriss.

Selected the place for holding the next session of this body, which will meet on Thursday before the 1st. Sunday in Sept., 1891 at Oaklume er church.

The Report on Finance was read by J M Chisn, and adopted.

FINANCE.

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| Ashland..... | \$1 60 | Hopewell..... | \$1 25 |
| Academy..... | 1 50 | Lebanon..... | 50 |
| Bethlehem..... | 1 00 | Mt. Moriah..... | 1 00 |
| Beulah..... | 1 15 | New Bethel..... | — |
| Blue Mountain..... | 2 50 | New Hope..... | 1 00 |
| Bluff Springs..... | — | New Macedonia..... | 1 00 |
| Canaan..... | 1 60 | New Prospect..... | 80 |
| Central..... | 75 | Oakimeter..... | 75 |
| Chewalla..... | 2 00 | Pleasant Hill (T)..... | — |
| Clear Creek..... | 1 80 | Pleasant Hill (B)..... | 1 00 |
| Curtis Creek..... | 50 | Pleasant Ridge..... | — |
| Falkner..... | 1 20 | Providence..... | 35 |
| Fellowship..... | 1 70 | Ripley..... | 2 50 |
| Flat Rock..... | 1 25 | Shady Grove (T)..... | 60 |
| Harmony..... | 80 | Shady Grove (U)..... | — |
| Hickory Flat..... | 1 00 | Union..... | 85 |
| Unity..... | 1 00 | | |
| | | Total..... | \$ 33 95 |

Amount paid in for minutes.....\$ 33 95
“ collected and paid out by Ex. Board. 1 383 50

Total expended..... 1 417 45

Eld W E Berry read the Report of committee on 5th Sunday meetings, which were adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1st. That the thanks of this body be tendered the people of this community for their kindness and hospitality during the sitting of this body.

2nd. That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered the Mod. and Clerk for their faithful services during the sitting of this body; and that \$10 be allowed the Clerk out of the Minute fund, for superintending the printing and distribution of the minutes.

The Obituary notice of Eld J H Shackelford was read by Eld W E Berry, and ordered printed in the minutes of this body.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, God, in his allwise providence, has seen fit, on the 11th day of July 1890, to remove from our number, our beloved bro Rev John Henry Shackelford, who, by his faithfulness as a minister, had done a great work in the short period of his ministry; and, who, by his sweet spirited character, had won to himself a large number of friends; and who was called by his Master to lay down the work in his early life, Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we bow with deep humility and sorrow to this sad providence which has deprived us of this noble co-laborer. 2nd. That we tender our sympathies to his beloved companion, and other loved ones. 3rd. That these resolutions be printed in the minutes as a tribute to his memory.

The Treas's., Report was read by Eld W E Berry and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J S Gillentine Tr., in account with Tippah Ass'n 1889 '90.

| | | Dr. |
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| To cash from sale of books..... | \$ | 60 |
| " " " J S Gillentine..... | | 5 00 |
| " " " Rev J H Shackelford..... | | 6 00 |
| " " " J W Crump..... | | 5 00 |
| " " " Flat Rock Church..... | | 7 55 |
| " " " Mt Moriah Church..... | | 2 35 |
| " " " Fellowship Church..... | | 3 70 |
| " " " Rev A G Parrott..... | | 5 00 |
| " " " Albert Collins..... | | 1 00 |
| " " " Ripley Church..... | | 16 35 |
| " " " Academy Church..... | | 8 00 |
| " " " Wayman Covington..... | | 2 00 |
| " " " Blue M ^c Church..... | 1 090 | 85 |
| " " " M C Selph for Miss., College | | 5 00 |
| " " " Dr A H M ^c A ^l ist'r for Miss. Col | | 10 00 |

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| " | " | " | R L Rutherford "...." | 25 00 |
| " | " | " | Students of B M F College... | 7 00 |
| " | " | " | Woman's Miss'ry S'y Blue Mt | 83 60 |
| " | " | " | Mrs Martha Cox..... | 1 00 |
| " | " | " | Frank Ray..... | 1 00 |
| " | " | " | Rev M Gillian..... | 2 50 |
| " | " | " | W L Aikin..... | 3 00 |
| " | " | " | Pleasant Hill (B.) Church.... | 10 00 |
| " | " | " | Clear Creek Church..... | 6 25 |
| " | " | " | Ashland Church..... | 6 00 |
| " | " | " | J F Ray..... | 10 00 |
| " | " | " | Thos Duncan..... | 5 00 |
| " | " | " | Canaan Church..... | 3 55 |
| " | " | " | Hopewell Church..... | 35 |
| " | " | " | J R W Ray..... | 1 00 |
| " | " | " | Unity Church..... | 3 65 |
| " | " | " | Chewalla Church..... | 2 00 |
| " | " | " | T C Cross..... | 50 |
| " | " | " | James Benson..... | 50 |
| " | " | " | New Macedonia church..... | 2 00 |
| " | " | " | Union Church..... | 18 70 |
| " | " | " | J T Cox for Miss., College | 5 00 |
| " | " | " | J W Crump " " | 1 00 |
| " | " | " | S R Lowrey..... | 15 00 |
| " | " | " | Pleasant Hill (T) church.... | 1 50 |

To total amount received.....\$1 383 50

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| By balance paid Rev M Gillian on salary 1889..... | 8 | | | 7 75 |
| " " " E J Eubanks " "..... | | | | 15 00 |
| " Amount sent to Dr H A Tupper by W E Berry | | | | 88 10 |
| " " paid J T Christian " W E Berry | | | | 130 20 |
| " " " J B Gambrell " W E Berry | | | | 905 00 |
| " " " " " J W Crump | | | | 6 00 |
| " " " Rev S M Ellis, Ministerial Educat'n | | | | 12 50 |
| " " " By Tr Wom'n's S'y to various purp's | | | | 83 60 |
| " " " J T Christ'n, St and For Mis. Un ch | | | | 18 70 |
| " " " E Z Simmons by Mrs S R Lowrey | | | | 5 00 |
| " " " " at Association..... | | | | 8 85 |
| " " sent to B W Griffith by B G Lowrey.. | | | | 52 85 |
| " " paid Rev E J Eubanks on salary..... | | | | 30 00 |
| " " " M Gillian " "..... | | | | 19 95 |

Total expended.....\$1 383 50

Eld J R Farish was chosen to preach the next Introductory sermon with Eld W T Lowrey alt.

Minutes were then read and approved. It being late in the evening, the Ass'n adjourned without any formal ceremony or handshaking.

ELD W G THOMPSON, Mod.

J W CRUMP, Clerk.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1st Read Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Order.
- 2nd Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- 3rd Appoint correspondents.
- 4th Call for reports.
- 5th Elect Executive Board.
- 6th Appoint place of next meeting of Association.
- 7th Call roll and mark absentees.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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| W E Berry | Blue Mountain Miss |
| L A Bell | Dumas " |
| FD Baars | Blue Mountain " |
| L P Cossitt | Blue Mountain " |
| J I Cox | Hickory Flat " |
| J B Cottle | Ashland " |
| E J Eubanks | Jonesboro " |
| E M Floyd | Floyd " |
| H L Finley | Blue Mountain " |
| R E Fowler | Beulah " |
| J R Farish | Blue Mountain " |
| M Gillian | Ashland " |
| W M Gadd | Pine Grove " |
| W P Hutchinson | Myrtle " |
| W D Lancaster | Jonesboro " |
| G L Landers | Geewille " |
| H F Lipford | Ashland " |
| W T Lowrey | Blue Mountain " |
| J D Morton | Ashland " |
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| H B Russum..... | Canaan " |
| W C Hunter..... | Hickory Flat " |

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Tippah Baptist Ass'n.

Art 2. It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union, Mod., Clerk and the Ex. Board and chairman of committees to report at next session shall be officio members of the next session.

Art 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall at the opening of each Ass'n present the letters specifying their appointments and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, during the year, with the whole number in fellowship.

Art 4. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to 3 delegates until they number 50 members, and then one for each 50 over that number.

Art 5. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for 3 successive meetings shall be considered as dropped by the Ass'n.

Art 6. New churches may be admitted into this body, signifying their wishes by letters and delegates, provided these be orthodox and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Art 7. This body shall have a Mod., Clerk and Treas., who shall be chosen at each annual meeting (by private ballot) so soon as letters from churches are read and members names enrolled.

Art 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop such churches as may become disorderly, either in doctrine or discipline.

Art 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for domestic and foreign missions, or for the Bible cause. This Ass'n shall take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

Art 10. If any church have a difficulty with another church we advise her to take steps laid down in the 18 chap., of Matt. And no difficulty between the churches will be entertained by this body unless such steps have been taken.

Art 11. When churches of this Union have gifts they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament; and we advise all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons and constitution of churches, to be governed by the abstracts of principles of this Ass'n.

Art 12. This Ass'n will correspond with sister Ass'n's of the same faith and order.

Art 13. The minutes of this body shall be read, corrected and signed by the Mod., and Clerk, before the session rises. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

Art 14. The Ass'n shall have an Ex. Board, consisting of a Treas., and six other members, who shall be chosen annually.

Art 15. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a majority of two-thirds the members present.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in only one living and true God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

Art 2. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

Art 3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespasses and sin.

Art 4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the "imputed righteousness" of Jesus Christ, which is unto and with them that believe.

Art 5. We believe in the doctrine of Election; that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through a sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

Art 6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to the prayer of Christians.

Art 7. We believe in the final perseverance of saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

Art 8. We believe that baptism is immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and that all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

Art 9. We believe that a gospel church is a band of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in Him, and that there are but two officers in the church, the Elder or Pastor and deacon.

Art 10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the word of God as far as their means will enable them.

Art 11. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men, and in a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

RULES OF ORDER.

Article 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

Art 2. The Mod., and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

Art 3. The Mod., shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

Art 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question; if he rises to speak he shall call some brother to take the chair.

Art 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened for discussion unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take it by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

Art 6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Mod. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

Art 7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

Art 8. All subjects introduced for discussion shall be decided before another shall be offered unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mov-

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 Art 9. This Ass'n shall in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority direct.
 Art 10. The names of members shall be called when the Ass'n shall direct, and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the moderator.
 Art 11. The appellation of Brother shall be used in addressing each other.
 Art 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator but only on the day that the breach shall have been committed.
 Art 13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES.

| CHURCHES. | Pastor's Salary. | Home Church Expenses. | State Missions. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Ministerial Education | Sunday School Expenses. | Sustentation & sup't of poor | Total. |
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| Canaan | 25 00 | 3 00 | 5 00 | | | | | 33 90 | 33 90 |
| Central, | 25 00 | 1 90 | | | | | | 8 25 | |
| Chewalla, | | 7 00 | | | 2 00 | | | | |
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—OF THE—

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SEPT. 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1891.

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| J. W. CRUMP | | CLERK |
| ELDER J. N. McMILLEN | | TREASURER |

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